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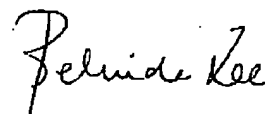
REMARKS

Applicants would like to elect Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to laser apparatus.
Please cancel Group II, claims 8-11, drawn to methods of laser annealing, without waiver,
prejudice or disclaimer.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the
examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the
undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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